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I hope, my dear friend, you will not be poory with me, as Mrs Child used to say, because of my opinion in respect to Lady B's work & dinner or Miss Murray. If you are not very strenuous, I had much rather not put them into the Bell. I think them pretty & poetical, but I could not conscientiously use the Bell as an instrumentality to compliment so highly such a writer woman as Miss Murray is. I would not put in a Sonnet addressed to Dr Adams, praising him for his fidelity & zeal for the cause of the Humanity, & no more can I endorse Miss Murray. I do not at all blame Adams & Bryant for taking a more lenient view of her friend's character than I do, but it is not for us, as Abolitionists to go behind the shabby pro-slavery position that Miss M. occupies & declare this is an unscrupulous in an unwise excellent woman.



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